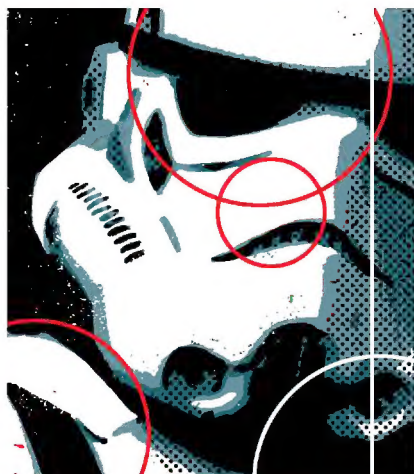


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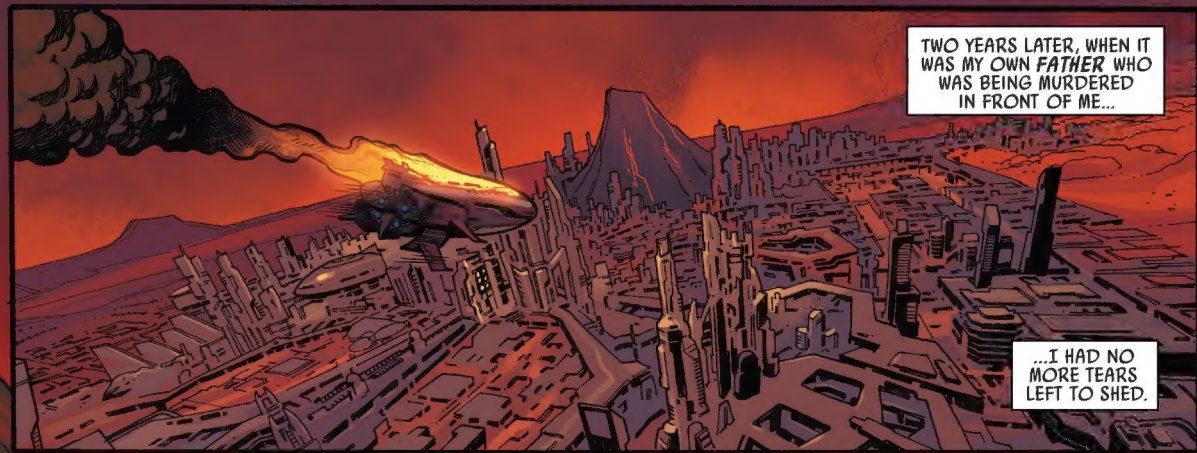


I WAS FOUR YEARS
OLD THE FIRST TIME
I SAW A MAN DIE.



I CRIED LIKE A BABY.
THAT TIME AND AT LEAST
THE NEXT DOZEN MORE.

THAT GOT
THEM. THEY'RE
GOING DOWN.
GIVE 'EM ROOM
TO CRASH.

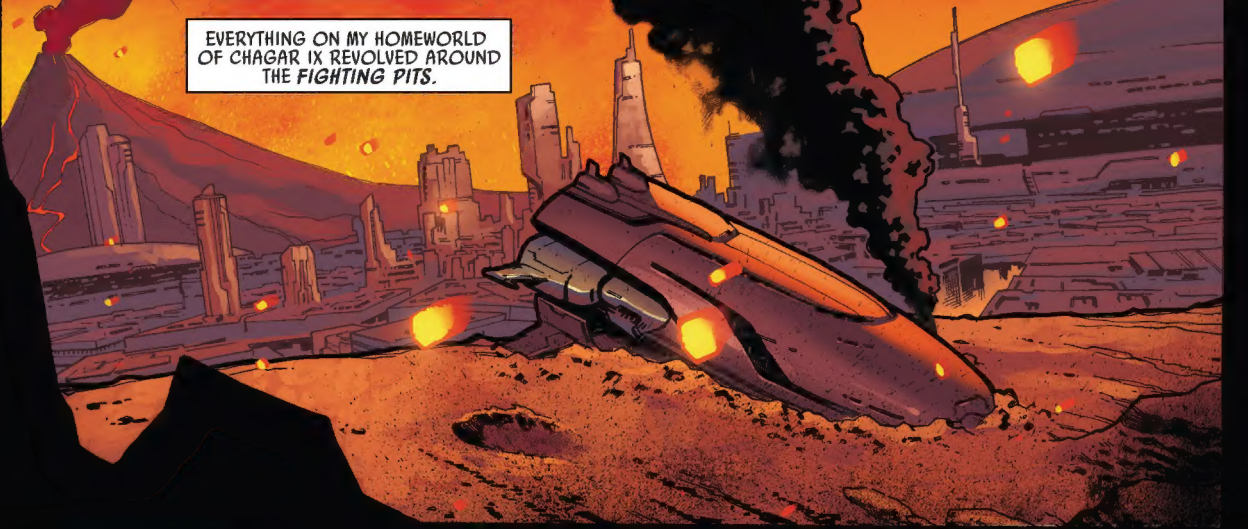


TWO YEARS LATER, WHEN IT
WAS MY OWN FATHER WHO
WAS BEING MURDERED
IN FRONT OF ME...

...I HAD NO
MORE TEARS
LEFT TO SHED.

A WEEK AFTER
THAT, I WAS THE
ONE DOING THE
KILLING.





EVERYTHING ON MY HOMETOWN OF CHAGAR IX REVOLVED AROUND THE **FIGHTING PITS**.



FOR THE PEOPLE RICH ENOUGH TO SIT IN THE STANDS...

...AND FOR THOSE OF US TOO POOR TO BUY OUR WAY OUT OF THE HOLE.



I FIGURED THAT WOULD BE MY LIFE FOR AS LONG AS I WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE.

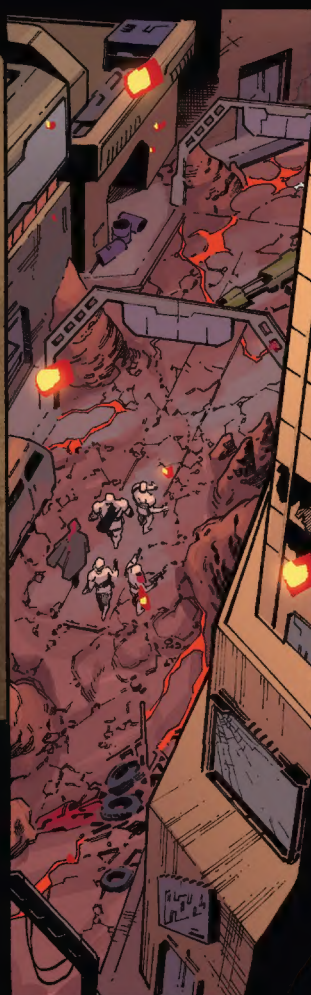


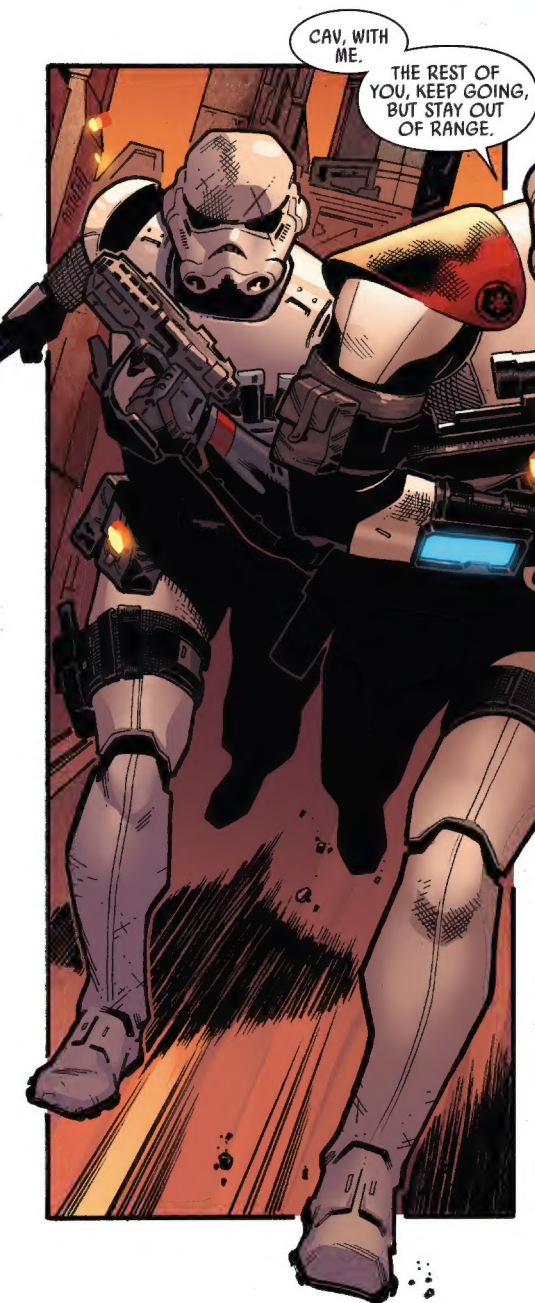
BUT THEN ONE DAY... EVERYTHING SUDDENLY CHANGED FOREVER.

THAT WAS THE DAY I SAW THE MOST **BEAUTIFUL** SIGHT I'D EVER SEEN.

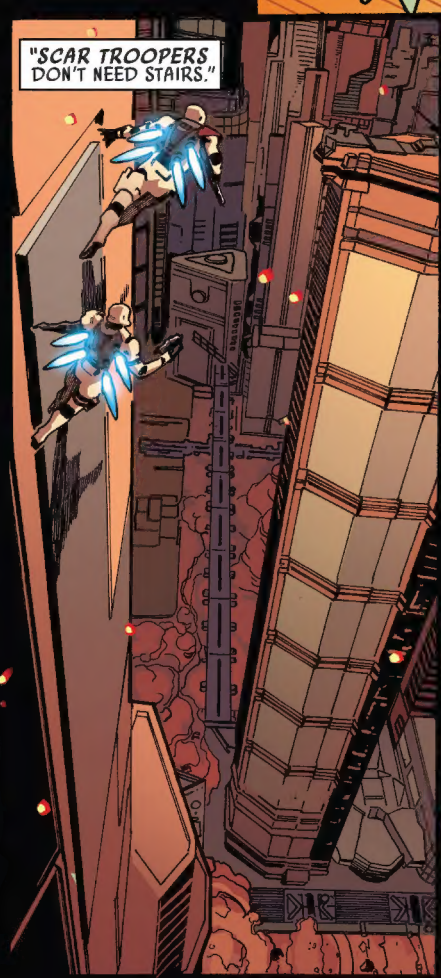
THE DAY I SAW MY FIRST
STORMTROOPER.







"SCAR TROOPERS
DON'T NEED STAIRS."



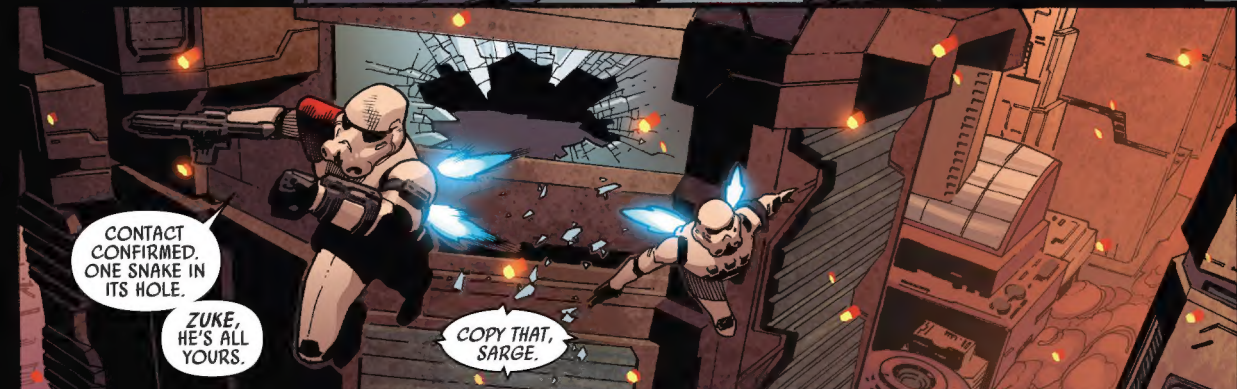
BUCKETHEADS!

DEATH TO
THE EMPIRE,
YOU--



NOT
TODAY,
PAL.







I WAS DOOMED TO
DIE IN THE ARENA, JUST
LIKE MY FATHER HAD. JUST
LIKE MY MOTHER AND
EVERYONE I'D EVER
KNOWN.

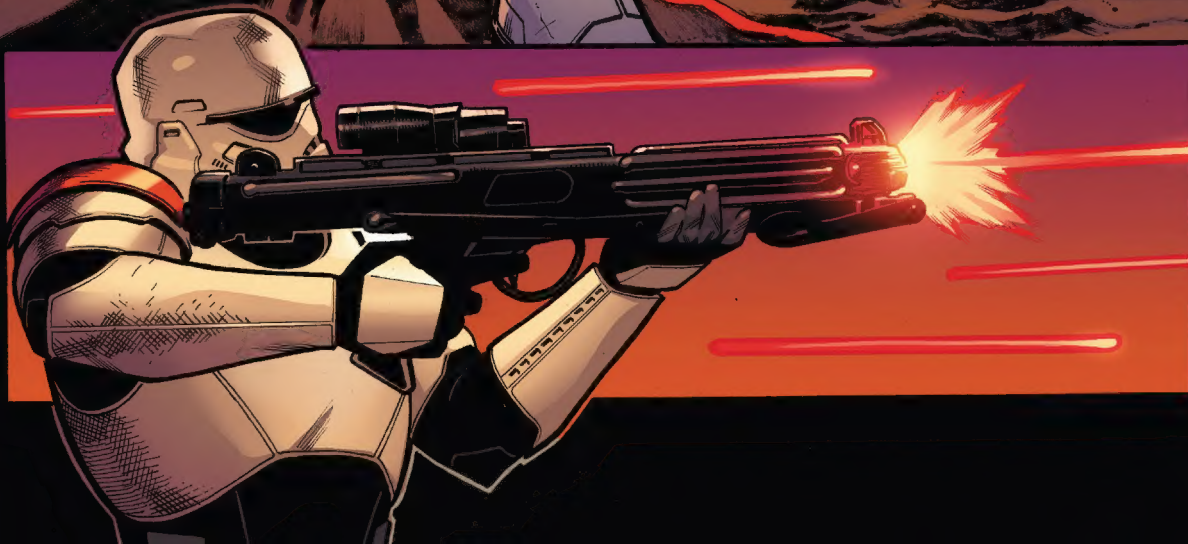
UNTIL THE
STORMTROOPERS
CAME.



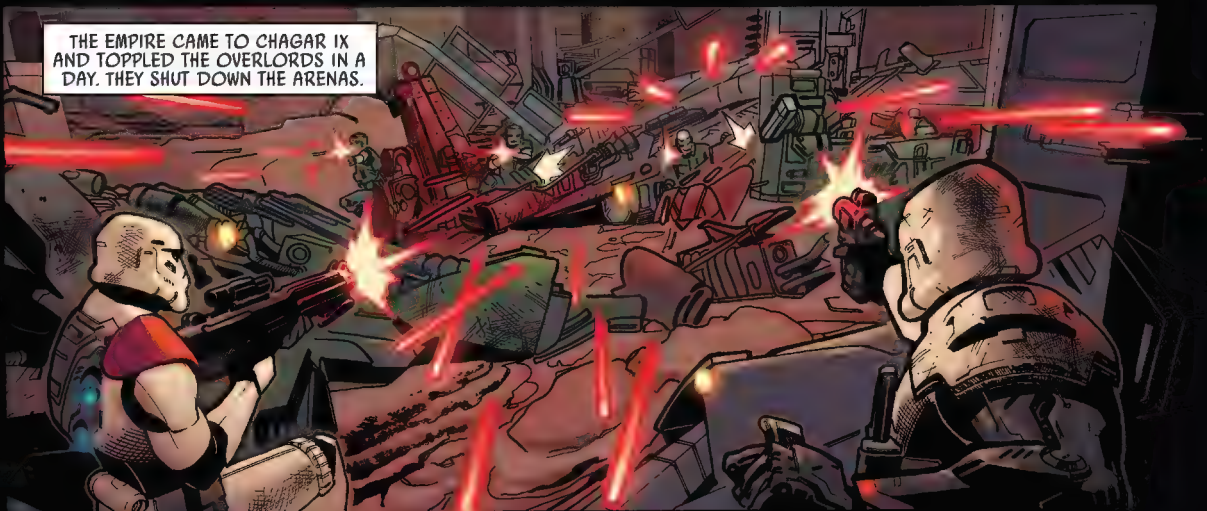
UNTIL THE *EMPIRE*
MADE LIFE WORTH
LIVING.

SCAR SQUAD,
KEEP MOVING. FOLLOW
THE SOUND OF THE
BLASTER FIRE.

WHAT
BLASTER FIRE,
SARGE?



THE EMPIRE CAME TO CHAGAR IX
AND TOPPLED THE OVERLORDS IN A
DAY. THEY SHUT DOWN THE ARENAS.



THE EMPIRE GAVE MY PEOPLE
JOBS. THEY GAVE US A PURPOSE.
THEY GAVE US *PEACE*.



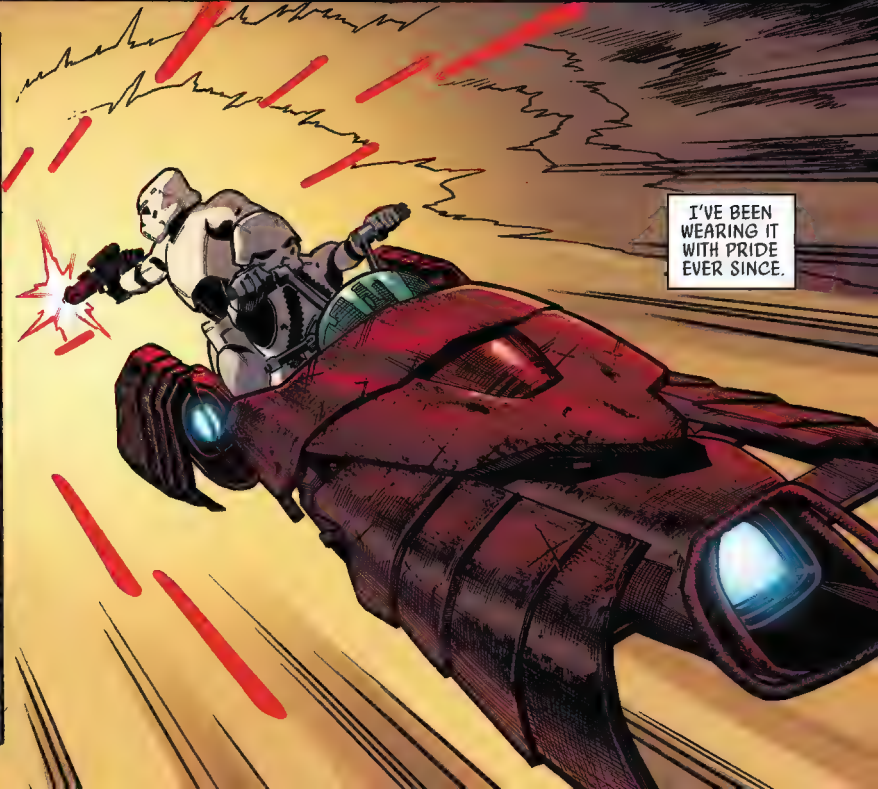
AERO!

HOT-WIRING.
ALMOST GOT IT,
SARGE.

AND AFTER BEING
TURNED AWAY EVERY
YEAR UNTIL I WAS OLD
ENOUGH, THEY FINALLY
GAVE ME SOMETHING
EVEN GREATER.



I'VE BEEN
WEARING IT
WITH PRIDE
EVER SINCE.



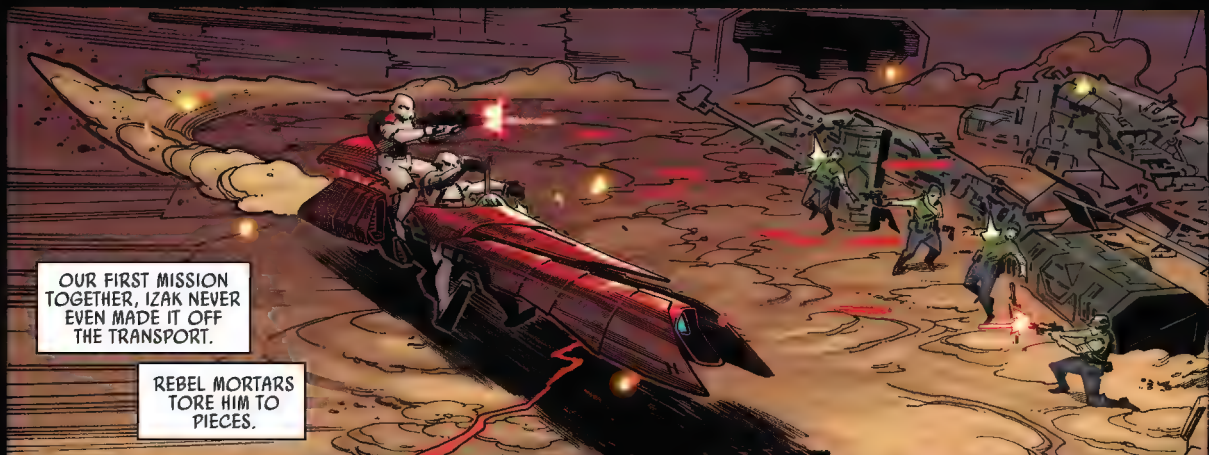
AT THE ACADEMY I MADE FRIENDS WITH A RANGER NAMED IZAK ANZIO, A FARMER'S BOY FROM AGAMAR WHO DREAMED OF SEEING THE GALAXY.

HE WAS THE ONLY FRIEND I'D EVER HAD.

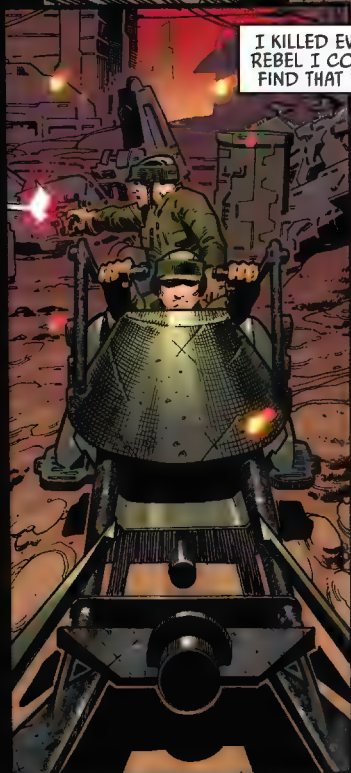


OUR FIRST MISSION TOGETHER, IZAK NEVER EVEN MADE IT OFF THE TRANSPORT.

REBEL MORTARS TORE HIM TO PIECES.



I KILLED EVERY REBEL I COULD FIND THAT DAY.



AND EVERY DAY SINCE.



THE REBELS WANT YOU TO THINK THEY'RE
FIGHTING FOR *FREEDOM*. DON'T BELIEVE
A WORD OF THEIR *LIES*.

I NEVER KNEW FREEDOM
EXISTED UNTIL THE EMPIRE
CAME.

FREEDOM MEANS
LAW. FREEDOM
MEANS *ORDER*.

ALL THE REBELS
WANT IS *CHAOS*.

AAAARRGGHH!

THEY THINK THAT MAKES
THEM REVOLUTIONARIES.
I HAVE ANOTHER WORD
FOR THEM.

MY COUNT'S
EIGHT. BE ON
THE LOOKOUT
FOR THE OTHER--

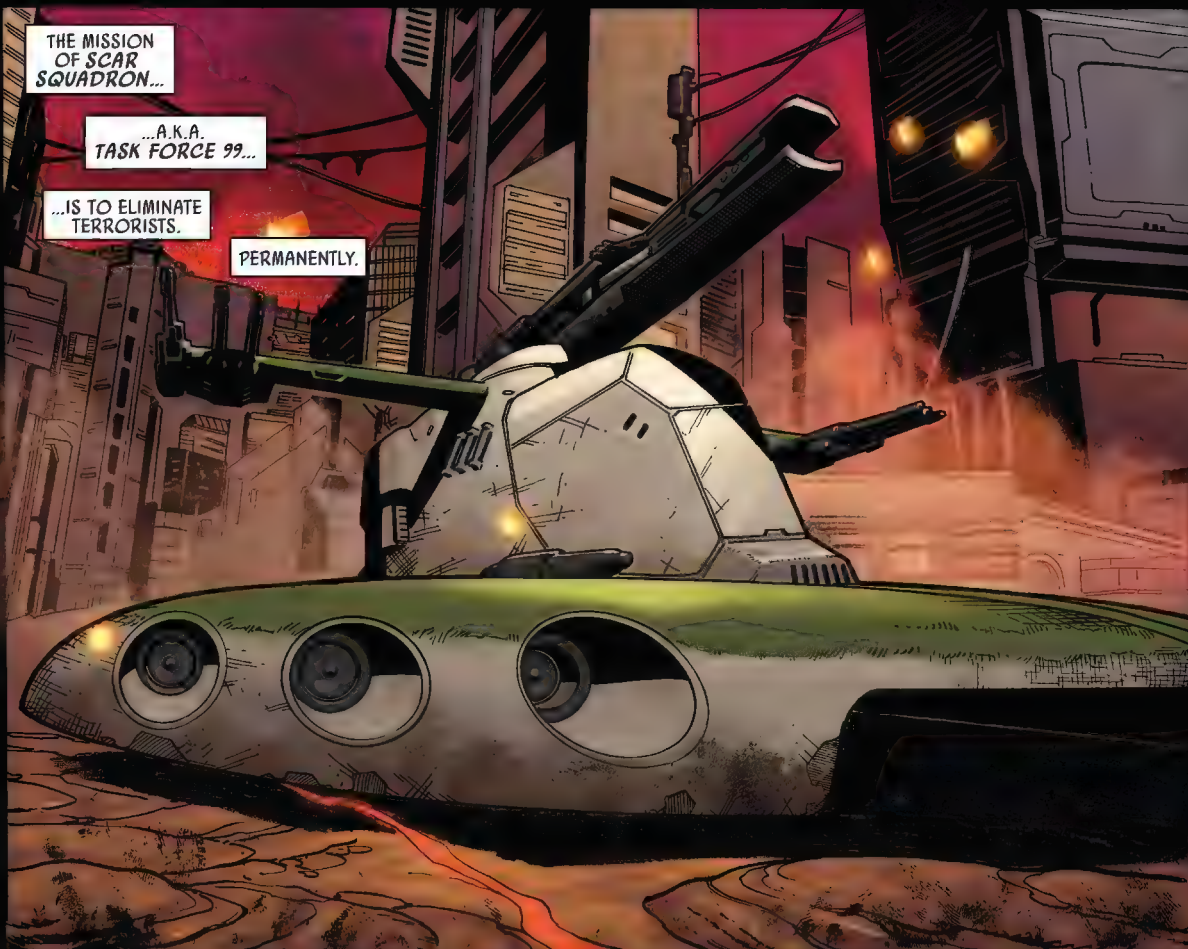
TERRORISTS.

THE MISSION
OF SCAR
SQUADRON...

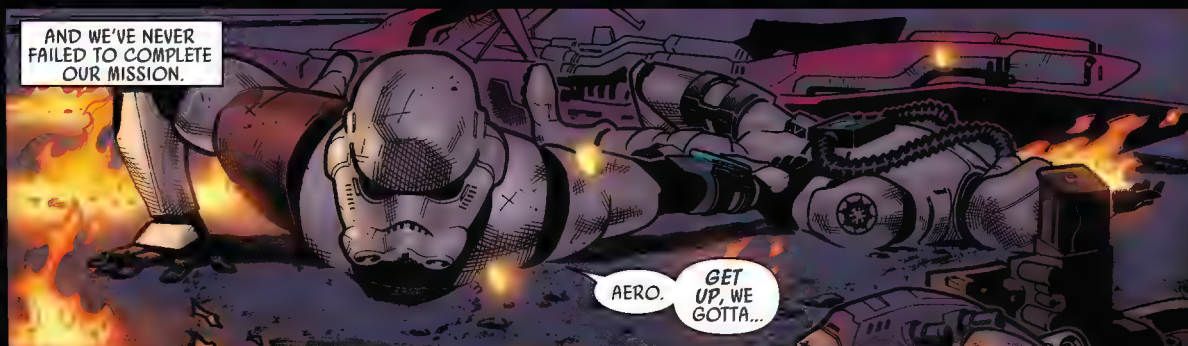
...A.K.A.
TASK FORCE 99...

...IS TO ELIMINATE
TERRORISTS.

PERMANENTLY.

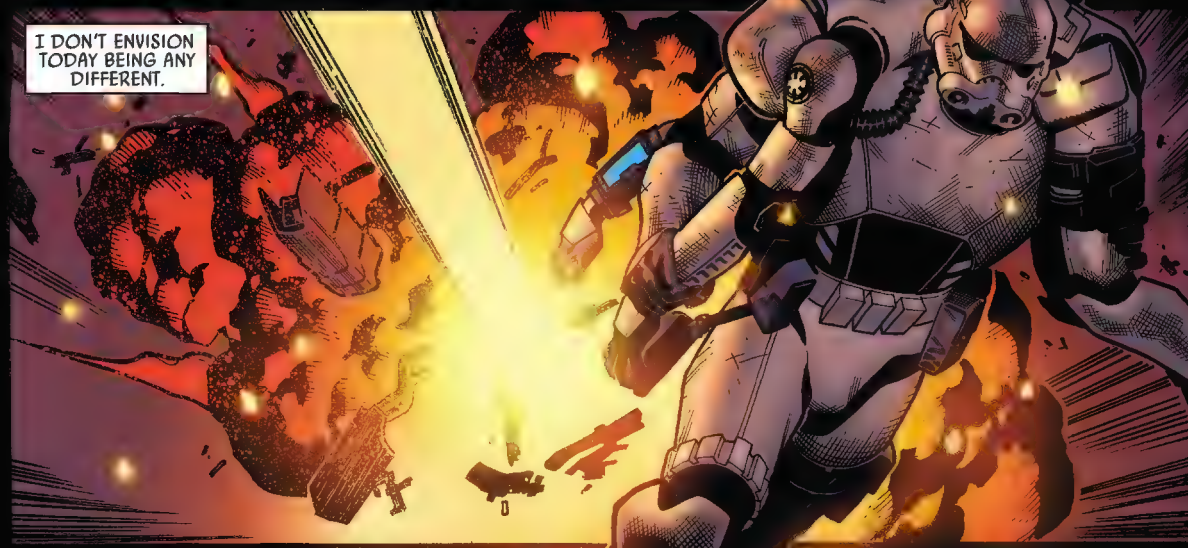


AND WE'VE NEVER
FAILED TO COMPLETE
OUR MISSION.



AERO. GET
UP, WE
GOTTA...

I DON'T ENVISION
TODAY BEING ANY
DIFFERENT.



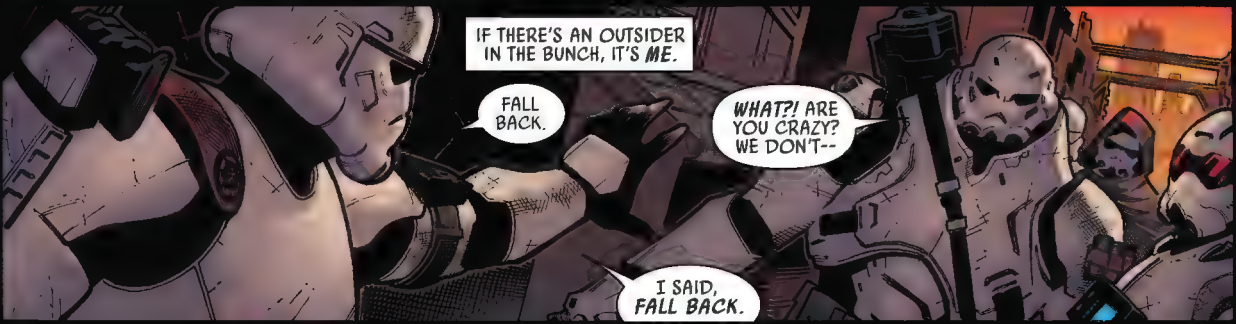


IT'S A TIGHT-KNIT SQUAD, USED TO OPERATING ON ITS OWN IN THE MOST HOSTILE OF ENVIRONMENTS. EACH SOLDIER A SEASONED VET.

ZUKE.
NO CAN DO, SARGE. MY ROCKETS WON'T PIERCE THAT THING'S ARMOR.

GET ME CLOSE ENOUGH, AND I'LL BLOW IT.

UGH. I'M OKAY.



IF THERE'S AN OUTSIDER IN THE BUNCH, IT'S ME.

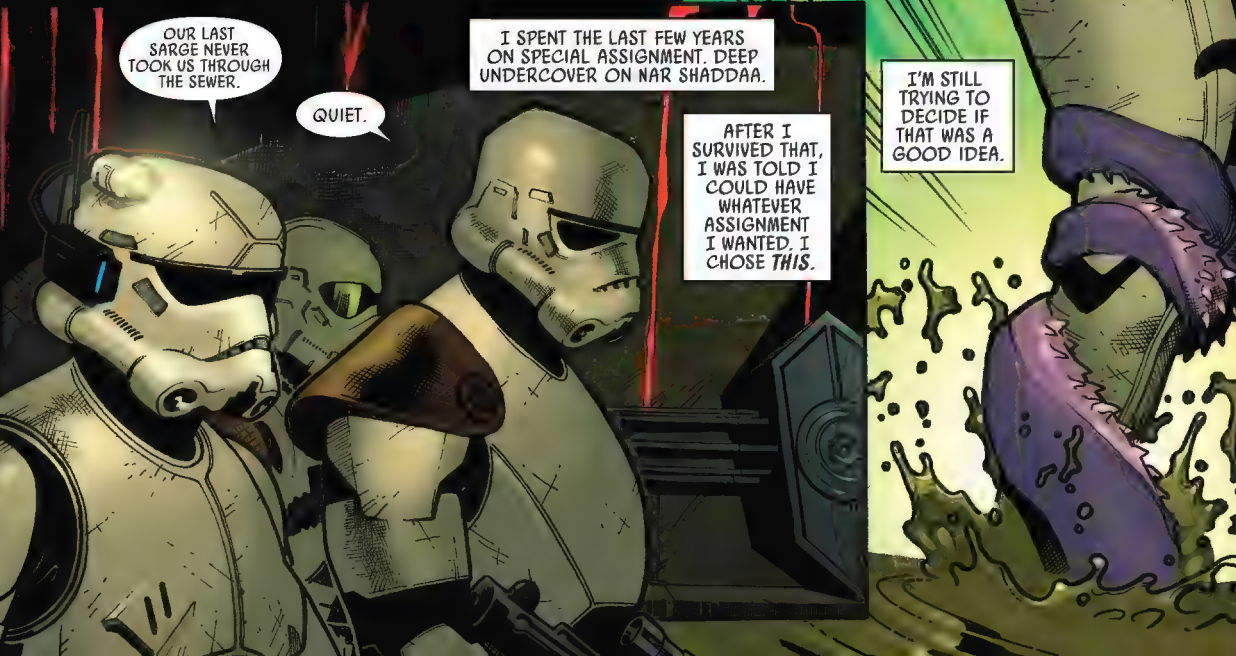
FALL BACK.

WHAT?! ARE YOU CRAZY? WE DON'T--

I SAID, FALL BACK.



"TO THE NEAREST SEWAGE TUNNEL."



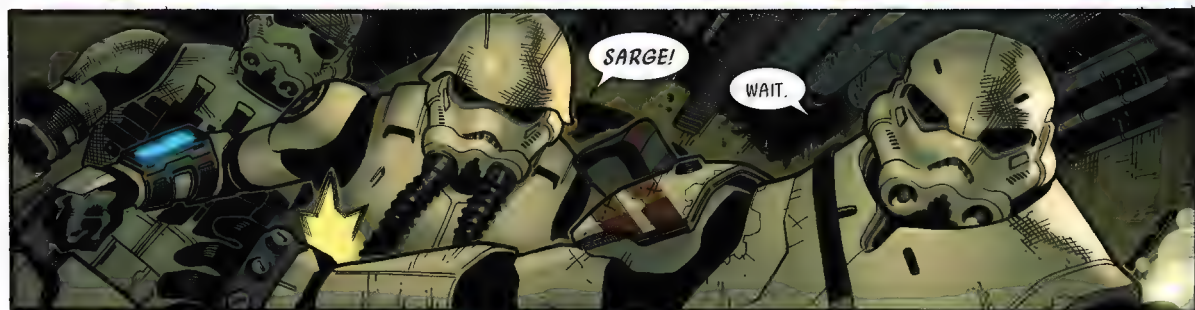
OUR LAST SARGE NEVER TOOK US THROUGH THE SEWER.

QUIET.

I SPENT THE LAST FEW YEARS ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. DEEP UNDERCOVER ON NAR SHADDAA.

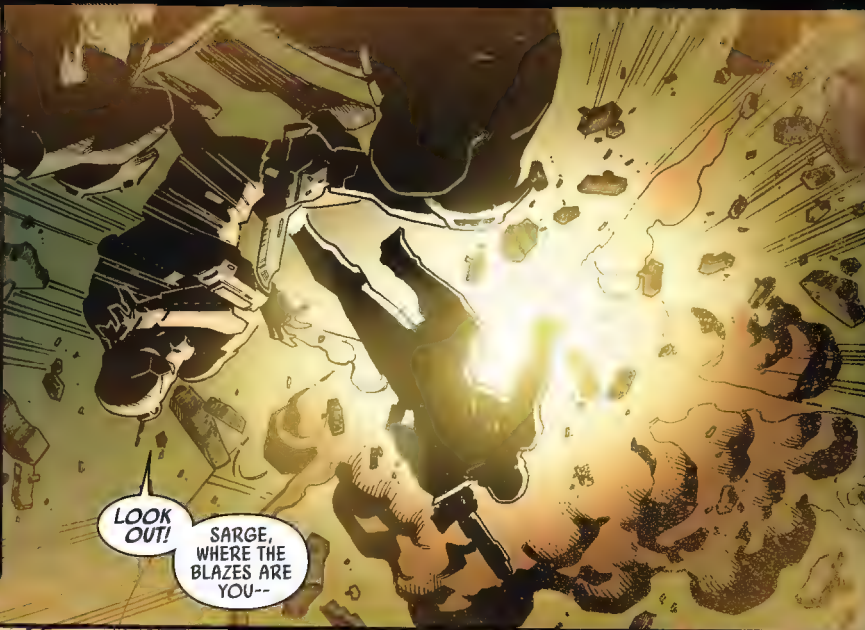
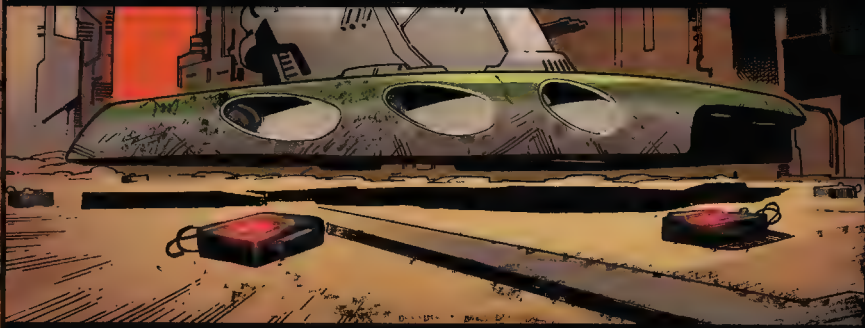
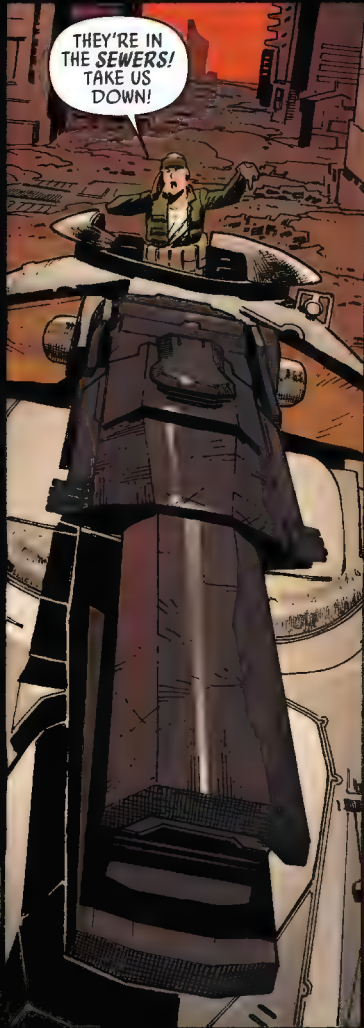
AFTER I SURVIVED THAT, I WAS TOLD I COULD HAVE WHATEVER ASSIGNMENT I WANTED. I CHOSE THIS.

I'M STILL TRYING TO DECIDE IF THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA.



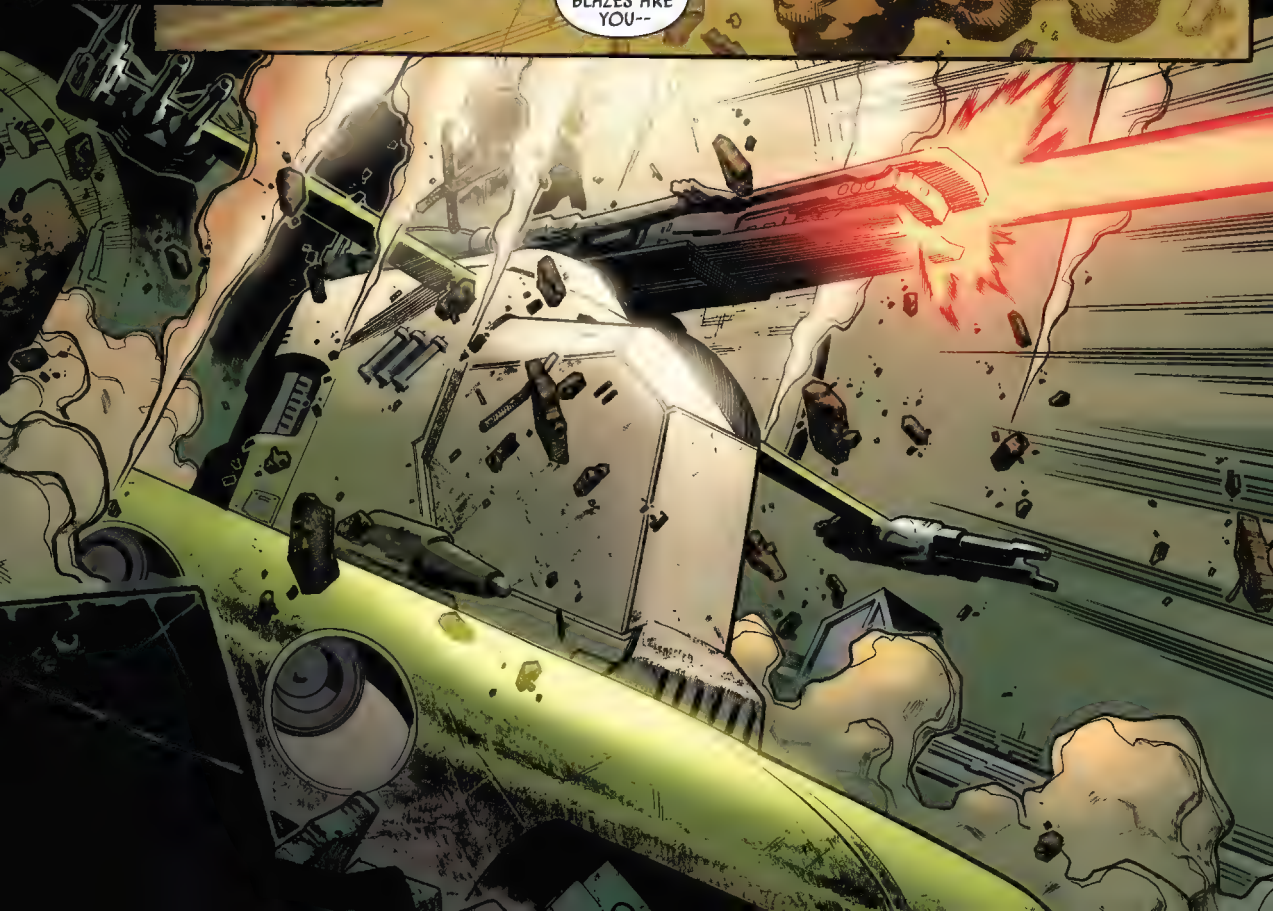


THEY'RE IN
THE SEWERS!
TAKE US
DOWN!



LOOK
OUT!

SARGE,
WHERE THE
BLAZES ARE
YOU--





I'VE NEVER TALKED TO THE OTHERS ABOUT WHERE I'VE BEEN. ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD IN THE ARENA. MY TIME UNDERCOVER.



THEY DON'T KNOW THAT I PICKED UP A FEW SPECIAL SKILLS ALONG THE WAY.



SOMETHING TELLS ME...



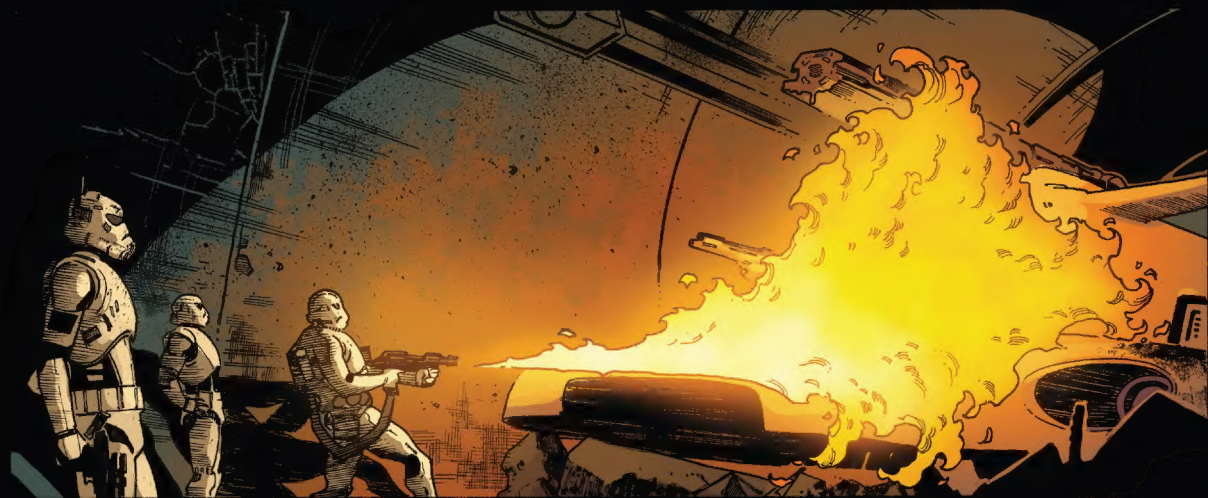


...THEIR OLD
SERGEANT
COULDN'T
DO THIS.



HOLY--
IS THAT
A...

GET 'EM
OUT.





...TO
CRACK
HIM.

WILL IT,
SQUAD?

NO,
SIR.

NOT SO
LONG AT
ALL.

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